

It would be pretty hard to have to take a new hand just now and I guess the camp knows it. Saturday Uncle seemed to improve a little and yesterday when Ben Horne and L. C. were up he seemed glad to see them and held their hands and seemed to want to say something. Still the Doctors do not seem to ~~want~~ <sup>take</sup> any encouragement. He is no better about involuntary discharged, indeed not so conscious discharged are involuntary and Auntie says he does not seem annoyed about it afterwards as he did at first. It seems to me that is a very bad symptom. He can eat a little cracker and sometimes do, others nothing, still his strength is not so utterly gone as one would expect. He has been tea one mas regularly. Aunt Jennie is hardly able to lie about. Has been sick in bed some of the time. Mrs. Thompson uses her electricity every day and spends a great deal of time rubbing her etc. I live in terror lest either I should leave. What would become of us then I don't know however it is no use to cross a river till you come to it. What sad news from C. of the sudden deaths of Mrs. Bacon Mrs. Kelsey and Mrs. Smith mother of one of Mattie's friends. If I had been one of the nervous sort

I should have been scared into  
Grecomania if believe it.  
Dear etc. I had been  
slight, never having done  
anything, and I don't feel  
about the chest and matching my  
self very carefully when  
Monday as if I were I much thankful  
that I was not nervous  
and could not be scared  
into anything.

I don't feel  
thing about you or what you were  
doing, and I should not wonder  
if you had something of the same  
feeling; it takes so long to hear. It  
is really wonderful that things  
can remain in just the same  
condition day after day but  
they seem to do so, with the exception  
of one or two days last week. Friday  
Uncle was worse than he has been  
at all. That day Sam and two other  
chinese came up to see him.  
Sam brought a beautiful bouquet,  
but he showed not the slightest  
pleasure and did not offer to shake  
hands. It was very hard for Auntie  
and I thought it a pity they came

as it gave her no pleasure and  
her much pain. Such took a  
fancy streak and was very un-  
willing to wait on them about  
lunch. We had part of us taken  
lunch in the kitchen as I did  
not know exactly how Wash  
would feel about being seated  
at the table with chinamen  
(not but what they are enough  
cleaner and more decent than  
he is) and I did not care to have  
him talking round the neigh-  
-boured about it. Then I meant  
to set the table in dining room  
for Auntie Eddie and Mattie  
and the chinamen, but when  
I told Such to do so he objected  
and was so evidently stubborn  
that I gave up and took them  
all in the kitchen to eat. I am  
not at all sure but Such will  
get ahead of me if things remain  
as they are much longer. It

So Lizzie & Gill has left Auntie's  
so Ed. is left there alone with  
B. H. Not a pleasant position  
for her but there seems to  
be no help for it. Ed said  
you told him to tell me that  
Rhoda was not going to keep  
boarders any more. Is that  
all the message you gave him  
What is she going to do. Commit  
matrimony or take Miss  
Whitcomb position  
Charlie is as bad about  
writing as you. I have not  
had a line from him for  
well I guess he's married  
for I don't think he had  
written for two weeks.  
I forgot your tooth powder  
box. Will send one by  
mail if you say so, or say  
Ed. if he goes down again.  
Aunt Fannie gave me a  
20. this morning and said  
she should not feel happy  
at all if I did not take part  
for their. So I have. She really  
seemed to feel so and as our  
expenses are so heavy now I  
thought perhaps I should be doing  
very well to take it. So I shall  
be able to keep the meat bill  
paid at least. Love to Miss  
Baltan Miss Barry and Rhoda  
Tell her I say whatever she is going to do I  
hope it will turn out the best

I have a letter from Uncle Dennis  
which I enclose. You see I am  
properly punished for joking across  
the continent. You know E.  
asked me if I did not wish my  
name was Clark, after telling  
about the old chairs, and I  
replied that it was as near Clark  
as Sue Tichenor was. It did  
not occur to me till after the  
letter was gone that it would  
be taken to, or rather might  
be taken to mean that I was  
envious, which I was not.

Tuesday morn. I was so sure  
of a letter today from you. I  
knew you have a great deal  
to do, more than you ought  
and I should not grumble at  
short letters but it is pretty  
hard to bear when I don't hear  
at all. I do feel anxious  
about you this ~~very~~ cold  
damp weather. A letter  
from the City today says Dr. Buly  
has a very bad cold and  
they are afraid of croup. Nellie  
very poorly. Dr. Reid Doctor  
talks of congested liver as  
cause of trouble. Aunt Jane  
dun't seem to have faith.

Elias Gill and his children  
and the Bacan children  
are to keep house together



I sent in a little  
bag  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz. of those  
Hickory nuts that you  
brought and some  
carob seed give  
them to Mr. Ellis  
please.

Abbot Jason, 25  
1880

Mrs. M. W. Shinn  
Berkeley.